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SUBJECT: POLICE USE FORCE TO QUELL LABOR DISTURBANCES

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1. LABOR DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT DEMANDS FOR WAGE INCREASES HAVE BEEN MET WITH UNUSUAL DISPLAY OF POLICE FORCE. JULY 22 DEMONSTRATION BY APPROXIMATELY 100 MEDICAL INTERNS IN PLAZA DE MAYO WAS BROKEN UP BY POLICE WHO UTILIZED TEAR GAS, RUBBER BULLETS AND NIGHT STICKS, TO DISPERSE CROWD. SEVERAL INTERNS WERE ARRESTED AND, ACCORDING TO INTERNS' UNION, APPROXIMATELY 30 WERE SEVERELY INJURED AND REQUIRED MEDICAL ATTENTION.

2. ON JULY 23 COMMERCIAL WORKERS FEDERATION DECLARED STRIKE MIDDAY TO MIDNIGHT AND FILLED STREETS WITH DEMONSTRATORS TO PROTEST LATEST EMPLOYERS WAGE OFFER. POLICE WERE ALSO USED TO FORCEFULLY DISPERSE DEMONSTRATORS, MANY OF WHOM WERE ARRESTED. APPROXIMATELY 2,000 DEMONSTRATORS CONGREGATED IN FRONT OF COMMERCIAL WORKERS CONFEDERATION, SCREAMING INSULTS AT CONFEDERATION SECRETARY GENERAL AND CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FLORENCIO CARRANZA. HE IS BLAMED FOR HAVING SIGNED CONTRACT PREVIOUSLY FOR WELL BELOW THAT OBTAINED BY MAJOR UNIONS AND FOR HIS INABILITY TO RE-NEGOTIATE NEW CONTRACTS ACCEPTABLE TO MEMBERSHIP. LABATT ADVISED THAT ATTACKS AGAINST CARRANZA WERE ORCHESTRATED BY CONFEDERATION SUBSEC GEN INES DI-GHIAM WHO IS

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SEEKING TO REPLACE HIM.

3. SIMILAR STRIKE ACTIVITY IS OCCURRING THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCES.
THE IMPORTANT TUCUMAN SUGAR WORKERS STRUCK JULY 24 AND THE
ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS OF THE METAL INDUSTRY (ASIMRA) BEGAN
48-HOUR STRIKE JULY 24. SEVERAL BUS TRANSPORT COMPANIES HAVE
BEEN SEVERELY AFFECTED BY STRIKE ACTIVITY AS HAVE SEVERAL GOVERN-
MENT DEPENDENCIES.
FOR SANTIAGO. PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE ABOVE MESSAGE TO FOSTER,
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